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In re Application of  
WU, ZHANGYI, et al. )  
Application No. 10/617,363 )  
Filed: July 11, 2003 )  
For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR REAL TIME )  
RESERVOIR MANAGEMENT )

DECISION ON PETITION  
TO MAKE SPECIAL

This is a decision on the petition to make special filed March 17, 2005 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §102(c) and M.P.E.P. § 708.02(VI): Energy.

A grantable petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(c), and M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section VI, must be accompanied by a showing that the application is for an invention which materially contributes to (A) the discovery or development of energy resources, or (B) the more efficient utilization and conservation of energy resources. Examples of inventions in category (A) would be developments in fossil fuels (natural gas, coal, and petroleum), nuclear energy, solar energy, etc. Category (B) would include inventions relating to the reduction of energy consumption in combustion systems, industrial equipment, household appliances etc. Such petitions should be accompanied by statements under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 by the applicant, assignee, or an attorney/agent registered to practice before the Office explaining how the invention materially contributes to category (A) or (B) set forth above.

The petition does not meet the requirements for special status in that there is no showing that the invention materially contributes to the conservation of energy resources as required in (B). Applicant indicates that the invention reduces the need for installation of fiber optic lines. Thus reducing energy consumption. Petitioner has not shown how a reduction in the need for fiber optics corresponds to reduced energy consumption.

The petition is **DENIED**.

Should applicant desire reconsideration, he/she should supplement this petition by a declaration or statement giving the information as outlined above.

Any request for reconsideration must be filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this decision.

  
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